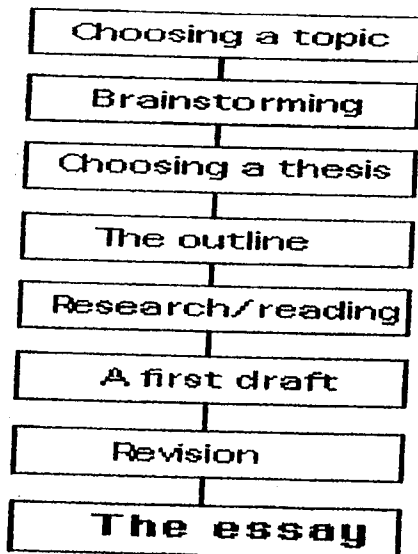


BRAINSTORMING

- You can brainstorm verbally with other people, or work alone, writing **all** your ideas on paper. The important thing about brainstorming is not to edit your thoughts. Write down **everything** that occurs to you about the topic, no matter how irrelevant or bizarre.
- The next stage is to make connections between your ideas, and to group them into sub-topics, expanding those that you can explore in more detail.
- Next, see if you can put the groups into some kind of logical order, discarding those that do turn out to be irrelevant or bizarre.
- In most cases you will find that you have the beginning of an essay--something that implies a basic point of view you can explore further and refine into a fully developed argument.



← WRITING PROCESS